Man charged in death

A day after discovering Jerome August 'Patrick' McEwen dead in his home, police arrest 21-year-old Curtis John Fry and charge him with second-degree murder.

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**Biofuels draw fire**

Kirkwood freshman Brittany Feldman fills her car with unleaded gasoline at the Kum & Go at the intersection of Madison and Burlington Streets on April 26, 2006. Two recent studies say that biofuels hurt the environment more than fossil fuels.

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“Four percent is what the government called for, and it’s what we got,” he said. “It’s what we could afford in light of the economy.”

Rep. Marsha Masser, D-Iowa, the vice chairman of the Education Committee, said the amount of money provided for schools varies from year to year and depends on other commitments the committee made.

“We don’t want to renegotiate,” she said. Not all schools would actually see an increase in funding; two-thirds of Iowa’s school districts are declining in enrollment — especially those in rural communities — and therefore would receive smaller amounts of money.

But both Schoenjahn and Buckton spoke about the possibility of establishing a statewide 1-cent sales tax.

“Although 4 percent might seem like a lot, there are ways to go and resources to meet the need of all the school districts,” Buckton said.

Because property taxes are used for so many other things, she said, the 1-cent sales tax would be better because legislators could designate the money specifically for Iowa schools.

The statewide 1-cent sales tax would lead to monetary increases in all districts, she said.

“When the allowable tax doesn’t keep pace with the funds, it’s really difficult,” Clark said.

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Land that could be more beneficial to the environment before being converted for biofuel harvesting could include conservation reserve land, such as prairie or forests. He said, these lands take carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere as well as house many animal species, which is better use of the land for aiding the environment than producing ethanol, Schnoor added.

The federal program that pays to keep conservation reserve land in the state — which is part of the Farm Bill — pays farmers to keep some land in conservation reserve,” the professor said.

“This likely could be possible for the land to be managed,” he said.

Schnoor added that a potential problem arises if pressure causes farmers to convert land from the eco-friendly reserve land to intensively managed, but profitable, corn-producing land.

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Homicide shocks neighbor

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It was obvious it was too late,” she said, noting that McEwen had no pulse.

A subsequent investigation by the Iowa City police and the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation revealed that McEwen’s door showed signs of forced entry. An acquaintance of McEwen’s door showed signs of forced entry, but the brother who was ‘freaking him out’ because he was gurgling,” and Fry thought he was dying,” reports said.

The injuries discovered during McEwen’s autopsy could cause the victim to make a gurgling sound as he was dying, police reported.

Fry’s brother reported Fry missing to the police twice on Feb. 7, once at 1:15 a.m. and again at 2:30 a.m. Fry’s brother eventually found Fry, who, police said, was not wearing his jeans or jacket but was dressed in two coats the brother had said were his.

Police said Fry called an acquaintance between 1:30 a.m. and 3 a.m. on Feb. 7 telling the acquaintance he ‘hit ‘a guy’ at Agudas Achim Cemetery. It was about 7:30 a.m., police reported.

Iowa City police Sgt. Troy Kelsay said whether alcohol was involved was ‘a logical question.’

One of Fry’s acquaintances from St. Ambrose — who said she maintained with Fry a few times — said she didn’t remember him as a drunker in college.

“The impression I got from Fry was that he was a very, very devout Catholic boy,” she said. "I remember him as a kind, friendly, gentle person.”

Many people’s lives are ruined now.”

The consequences...
Police bust alleged fake ID maker

By Kurtis Hiatt
THE DAILY IOWAN

An alleged local producer of fake identification cards who was reportedly running a large-scale operation is out of business, Iowa City police Sgt. Troy Kelsay said Feb. 8. Andere Haig, 28, 2001 Highway 6 E. Apt. 4, who was served arrest papers turning himself in Feb. 7, is accused of eight counts of making false licenses and also a controlled-substance violation for allegedly growing "magic" mushrooms.

"This isn't just some rinky-dink operation," Kelsay said about Haig's ID business. Haig "established this moneymaking business for himself" to sell to people he didn't know, Kelsay alleged. As of Sunday, Haig was being held in Johnson County Jail on a $31,000 bond.

Kelsay said officers started noticing and confiscating Haig's "good-quality" fake IDs since last summer. All had similar nuances wrong with them.

"If you gave [the ID] to someone who is experienced in handling them, there are certain tells on there," Kelsay said. "Once you confirm that it isn't right, they all stand out like sore thumbs."

Police obtained a search warrant at Haig's residence Nov. 15, 2007, and they seized his laptop computer, identification-card printers, a lamination machine, and ID-card materials, according to reports. With Haig’s computer and a slew of fake IDs, Iowa City police Investigator David Nixon was able to make eight matches between computer records and actual IDs. Kelsay said, adding that though police probably couldn’t have made more matches, "there’s so many man hours involved" and Nixon thought he had a sufficient number of charges. All of the IDs were created to show the holder as being of legal drinking age. The license mimics those of Wisconsin, Michigan, Arizona, Pennsylvania, and Indiana.

Kelsay said Haig may have charged as much as $200 for an ID. But officers found more than Haig’s license-making business at his residence. Underneath his license-makin- g materials, police discovered a magic-mushroom-growing operation: two totes with a heat source and 12 one-pint mason jars containing vermiculite, according to reports. Police obtained another search warrant to seize the substance, and sent it to the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation. Officials there discovered mycelia in three of the jars and tested it, determining it contained psilocybin, a hallucinogenic fungus. Reports said officers also found two assault rifles in a gun safe near Haig’s alleged grow operation.

Kelsay said police won’t pursue any additional charges against Haig, and the investigation is closed. Police complaints show that authorities had already charged Haig with possession of a fictitious license Nov. 15, 2007 — the same day authorities seized his license-makin- g materials — for having a fake Colorado driver’s license with his picture on it. Haig pleaded not guilty to the charge, and has a trial set for March. Haig also received a PAULA on that date, online court records show.

Records also show Haig has pleaded guilty to a third-degree theft charge after he stole $977 of merchandise from Von Maur in June 2007. Haig was ordered to 25 hours of community service and a year of probation for that incident.

Each count of making a fake license is a serious misdemeanor, punishable by up to 30 days in jail or a $500 fine. Haig’s controlled-substance violation is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by up to 15 years in prison and a fine of up to $10,000.

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Solon couple charged

A Solon couple were charged with domestic-abuse assault after both are accused of harming the other. Johnson County sheriff’s deputies reported.

Marc Rebal, 28, 701 Plum St., was charged with domestic-abuse assault without intent to cause injury. His reported victim, Jessica Church, 26, of the same address, was charged with domestic-abuse assault.

According to police reports, a deputy witnessed Church’s boyfriend, Rebal, pulling Church’s arm behind his boyfriend's snowmobile. He reportedly dragged her for two blocks, with her arm wrapped around the snowmobile’s bumper, down an alley across highway 1, where she was able to break free.

Reports said Rebal “continued on with his regard or cen- ters for [Church’s] safety.” After the incident, Church denied being dragged behind Rebal’s snowmobile, even though the deputy had wit- nessed the incident.

Witnesses said that Church and Rebal were in a physical confrontation at a grocery store parking lot and that Church initially argued at a Solon bar. Rebal told deputies Church grabbed him and ripped his hel- met off his head.

Rebal’s charge is a serious misdemeanor punishable by up to a year in jail and a fine of up to $1,500. Church’s charge is a simple misdemeanor, punishable by up to 90 days in jail or a fine of up to $500.
VA gets a plum

The Iowa City VA receives $5.85 million from Congress to expand research facilities.

By Patrick Futtner
THE DAILY IOWAN

The Iowa City Veterans Affairs Medical Center will get a $5.85 million expansion as part of an organization-wide effort to increase research facilities at VA facilities across the country.

The money will allow the Iowa City VA to continue its tradition of treating and caring for Iowa’s veterans, said Rep. Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa, in a statement. “It is important to ensure that every veteran soldier, sailor, airman and Marine is treated with all the compassion and support our grateful nation can provide.”

Iowa City Veterans Affairs Medical Center officials said the architectural work was not done in at least 10 years. With the funds already raised through Endowment, construction will occur earlier than originally expected.

“It’s great news for us. We owe the Aunt Maudie, the veteran, a great woman who got us that money, that’s for sure,” said Sally H. Herndon, associate director of the Iowa VA.

“I mean it, it’s going to mean the difference between a man and a woman,” said Sen. Dennis Black of Grinnell.

The expansion will be the final step in a three-phase precept at the Iowa City Hospital to increase medical research for veterans.

The research facility, the third new Iowa City VA building in the last four years, will create extra lab space to study various medical ailments, such as cancer, heart disease and diabetes.

The new expanded space will provide the research that is needed,” said Herndon. “It’s essential for us to have a research facility to provide better care for our veterans.”

There are no space limitations because the VA will share resources with the UI Hospitals and Clinics. Loebsack said the facility will be built as quickly as possible.

“I think it’s important that everyone is ready for the test as well; preparation is more important than the costs — all people should have equal access,” said Pruetz.

She was selected by a network of experts throughout Iowa at little or no costs to pay for the bill aren’t available.

Jacoby, who feels that while the funding should be considered for the bill implementation and development. “It’s a great concept, but you have to figure out how you’re going to pay for it,” she said. “I think those concerns are somewhat justified, because with a limited budget, are you taking money away from something else? But it is in the best interest of people to use our resources.”

Danna Bragham, a junior at Iowa City High School, said she approved of making the classes available in all high schools.

“Allowing students to take college courses at no cost is a good idea, she said, but the costs don’t stop students from taking advanced placement classes.”

“I think it would be a really good thing to do, but I don’t think many kids are detoured away from taking classes because of the costs,” Bragham said.

Iowa City VA would drop advanced-placement fees

By Briana Byrd
THE DAILY IOWAN

High-school seniors, put that $84 back in your pocket — the advanced-placement exam fees could be waived if a recently proposed bill is passed.

On Feb. 7, Iowa Gov. Chet Culver proposed a bill titled the Iowa Student Support Program, which would make freshman-level college courses available to high-school students throughout Iowa at little or no costs and would require that all public high schools in the state offer the corresponding courses.

“The bill levels the playing ground as everyone won’t have to worry about writing the check for it,” said Rep. Dave Jacobs, D-Coralville. “I also think it’s important that everyone is ready for the test as well; preparation is more important than the costs — all people should have equal access.”

Iowa State scientist wins National Geographic award

ISU scientist wins National Geographic award

by Patrick Futtner

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Dr. Jenna Beeman, a research scientist at Iowa State University, was recently named the winner of a National Geographic magazine award.

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Barack Obama support created a lot of excitement in Maine on Sunday. Determined to clinch the state with a win, the Illinois senator turned to a longtime confidante to manage her operations while the former rival John Edwards. "I'm thrilled he's a part of the campaign," said Solis Doyle. The former senator's impressive showing was driven home by a point driven home by a Associated Press poll released Monday. The vote for Obama outdid predictions, according to an Associated Press poll released Monday. The vote for Obama outdid predictions, according to an Associated Press poll released Monday. The vote for Obama outdid predictions, according to an Associated Press poll released Monday. The vote for Obama outdid predictions, according to an Associated Press poll released Monday. The vote for Obama outdid predictions, according to an Associated Press poll released Monday. The vote for Obama outdid predictions, according to an Associated Press poll released Monday. 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Hillary Rodham Clinton leads among party insiders, as Barack Obama racks up primary and caucus delegates.

By Stephen Ohlemacher and Jim Kuhnhenn

WASHINGTON — Hillary Rodham Clinton returned her fire among suddenly critical Democratic Party insiders even as Barack Obama builds up his delegate margin with primary and caucus victories across the country, according to a survey by the Associated Press.

Of the 796 super-delegates, governors, senators, and party officials who are Democratic super-delegates, Rodham Clinton had 243 and Obama 156. That edge was responsible for her overall advantage in the pursuit of delegates to secure the party’s nomination for president. According to the AP’s latest tally, Rodham Clinton has 1,127 total delegates and Obama 1,139, heading into Sunday’s Democratic caucuses in Maine. A candidate must get 2,025 delegates to capture the nomination.

The numbers illustrate not only the remarkable proximities between the two candidates but also the extraordinary influence super-delegates could wield in determining who becomes the nominee.

Both campaigns are aggressively pursuing super-delegates, trumpeting their endorsements the moment they are secured.

“I told my wife I’m probably going to be pretty popular for a couple months,” chuckled Richard Ray, a super-delegate and the president of the Georgia chapter of the AFL-CIO. Ray said he will remain undecided because the labor federation has made no endorsement.

“If it endorses, then I will, too,” he said.

The national party has named approximately 720 of the 796 super-delegates. The remainder will be chosen at state party conventions in the spring and summer. AP reporters have interviewed 95 percent of the named delegates, with the most recent round of interviews taking place last week, after Super Tuesday.

For the first time since the AP began contacting super-delegates last fall, more than half of them — 399 — have endorsed a candidate. The remaining 320 or so delegates said they are either undecided or uncommitted, making them the subject of intense lobbying by both campaigns.

With Rodham Clinton and Obama trailing wine and losses as the primary and caucus season unfolds, the role of the super-delegates has been magnified and is causing anxiety inside and outside the campaigns. If the current snapshot of the race holds, super-delegate votes could decide the nomination in favor of one candidate even if the other receives more votes in the party primaries and caucuses.

During Bralla, a top Democratic National Committee member and manager of Al Gore’s 2000 presidential campaign, said party elders have a role to play but said voters should lead the way.

“I don’t want to superimpose my personal views, I want to reflect the will of the voters,” she said on Sunday, noting that as a super-delegate she is torn between Obama and Rodham Clinton. “Honestly, I don’t want to decide this.”

Obama himself weighed in Feb. 8, telling reporters that voters should determine who is super-delegate support, even as his campaign actively courted them.

“His strong belief is that if we end up with the most states and the most pledged delegates, and the most votes in the country, then it would be problematic for political insiders to overturn the judgment of the voters,” he said. “I think super-delegates are there to do a summarizing, wisdom-of-the-crowd approach to determining who will be the nominee.”

Writers’ strike nears climax & denouement

By Lynn Elber

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LOS ANGELES — The Writers Guild of America moved swiftly Sunday toward a resolution of its month-old strike, with guild leaders deciding to recommend a tentative contract to members and ask them to vote on a quick end to the walkout.

By calling for separate votes on ending the strike and accepting the new three-year deal, the union cleared the way for the entertainment industry to return to work almost immediately.

Membership meetings will be held Tuesday in New York and Los Angeles to allow writers to decide whether the strike should be brought to a speedy end, and Patric Veronne, the president of the guild’s West Coast branch.

“This is the best deal this contract has bargained for in 30 years,” he said.

The tentative contract secures writers a share of the burgeoning digital-media market, he said, including compensation for Internet-delivered TV shows and movies.

“If they [producers] get paid, we get paid. This contract makes that a reality,” Veronne said. But, he added, “it is not all we hoped for, and it is not all we deserved.”

Still, the union’s negotiating committee recommenced on Feb. 9 that the contract be accepted, and the West guild’s council agreed. They called for a membership ratification vote, which will be conducted by mail over about two weeks. Membership approval of the contract and the strike’s end appeared likely. At heavily attended membership meetings Feb. 9 in New York and Los Angeles, there was resounding support for the proposed deal that could put TV and movie production back on track, salvage the rest of the TV season and remove a boycott threat from this month’s Oscars.

Verrone thanked television viewers who “tolerated three months of reruns and reality TV.”

The guild’s major bargaining concession to studios was agreeing to take unionization of animation and reality TV shows off the table, Veronne said. The guild has lost its incentive to pursue those goals. The Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers, which represents the studios, said it had no comment Sunday on the guild’s actions.

The American Federation of Television and Radio Artists, which represents more than 70,000 performers, boardcasters, and others, lauded the writers guild for winning gains in digital media.

The federation is preparing to begin its own TV contract talks and intends to be “fiscally deliberate, and prudent as we engage with the employers to negotiate the best possible agreements for performers,” its president, Roberta Reardon, said in a statement.

Despite friction between the federation and the Screen Actors Guild, the two groups traditionally negotiate together on a contract covering feature films and prime-time TV. That contract expires in June.

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Military officials say documents seized during raids show the organization is losing ground since Sunni tribal leaders turned against them.

By Kim Gamel

BAGHDAD—As if remember- ing the good old days, the purported Qaeda in Iraq mili- tary says he was once in charge of almost 600 fighters before Sunni tribal leaders turned against them, leaving him with a force of 20. The lament was made in what the military says is the daily diary of a Qaeda in Iraq sector leader called Abu Tariq, one of two documents released on Sunday and billed as fur- ther evidence that the terror network’s operations have been severely curtailed.

“There were almost 600 fighters in our sector before the tribes changed course 150 degrees,” Abu Tariq wrote, referring to the Sunni tribes- men who have switched sides to fight alongside the Ameri- cans. “Many of our fighters quit and some of them joined the deserters … but things started getting worse ever since.”

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“This does not signal the end of Al Qaeda in Iraq, but it is a contemporary account of the challenges posed to terrorists from the people of Iraq,” Smith told reporters in Baghdad.

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The military said the author was believed to have been written last summer and was intended for the author’s supe- riors. The diary, written by U.S. troops south of Balad, was written in autumn 2007 by Abu Tariq, according to the military.

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It said U.S.-led forces had learned from their mistakes and improved security had made it harder to transport weapons and suicide belts and forced foreign fighters to go underground because of their distinctive dialects.

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The times, they are a-becoming quite different

The Democratic presidential-nomination race remains a tossup, but the contours of the general election debate, and to some extent the next administration, have become remarkably clear in the past few days. Whether John McCain, Hillary Rodham Clinton, or Barack Obama, the next president will be a senator, the first in 48 years to enter the White House from Congress. As much as executive experience may be a plus for the presidency, there is something to be said about coming to the White House with a nuanced understanding of how to fix it.

In contrast to the current White House occupant, the next president will prohibit the use of waterboarding and other forms of torture that have stained America's reputation abroad. In contrast to President Bush, the next president will start not as a skeptic about the danger posed by global warming, and he or she will favor, not resist, legislation to mandate meaningful caps on greenhouse gases, even without an international agreement binding other nations. The next president will support federal funding for embryonic stem-cell research and vigorous regulation of the campaign-finance system. The next president, however, chastened by the angry debate over illegal immigration, will build a fence and begin a new administration with a good understanding of how to fix it.

In the domestic sphere, the two parties' nominees also have conflicting visions of the proper role and one government: They differ over the wisdom of extending all the Bush tax cuts: McCain vows to do so, while the Democratic plan calls for tax credits for the poor. They disagree over the best approach to restraining health-care costs and making insurance affordable, with McCain placing far more emphasis on market forces than on government action. They differ on immigration reform and support the idea of giving those in this country illegally a path to legal, if temporary, status. Both nominees stand for the death penalty, with McCain promising to pick justices "of the character and quality" of Bush's two Supreme Court appointments, where the next president could have several vacancies to fill.

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The Savages

When: 1:20, 4:40, 6:40, 9:20 p.m.

Where: Sycamore Cinema 12

Michael, played by Hoffman, starring in what seems like his 80th role this year, is an alcoholic comic legend. He has written a play about the family, which makes the audience realize that “All right, you know what’s meant to be funny?”

“There’s a certain kind of humor that’s truest kind of humor there is — about the family, of course,” she said.

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**MEN’S TRACK**

Hairest shatters school record

Adam Hairston shattered the school record in the 300-meter hurdles over the weekend. His time of 34.88 set a new school record and he also provisionally qualified for the NCAA championships in the event.

**WOMEN’S TRACK**

**FOOTBALL**

By Brendan Stites

Amid a sea of pink Sunday afternoon, the women’s basketball team silenced the Penn State crowd with a 53-40 victory over the Lady Lions. The Lions mark the first time since the 2001-02 season that Iowa has been able to defeat the Bryce Jordan Center triumphant.

With the Hawkeyes now 8-2, and after this win it’s time to stop the Big Ten standings with a 16-3 conference record. Purdue can join them at 13-3 with a victory against Michigan State tonight.

It was also a historical proportions for exchange Lisa Bluder, who reached the milestone of 500 career coaching victories on Sunday.

Bluder was thrilled to reach the 400-win plateau for her first attempt, and she was more pleased with the significance this road victory has on her team. “It feels good to be at the number 500, but I’m happier to know that we’re on top of the Big Ten stand in the NCAA championships as well as a school record.”

Throughout the game, Penn State was able to turn a 12-point deficit into a one-point lead with 1:15 remaining. The Hawkeyes were able to push the lead back to 12 with a 3-pointer from junior Kristi Krug, and the game never looked back. Hawkeyes to their first conference championship since 1998.

**WOMEN’S HOOPS**

Iowa State batters in their eighth straight win, and after this win it’s time to stop the Big Ten standings with a 16-3 conference record. Purdue can join them at 13-3 with a victory against Michigan State tonight.

The Hawkeye women’s basketball team earned the highest team floor score in school history, 49.100, which came late in the second half.


**GymHawks shine**

The Iowa women’s gymnastics team earns its highest score since 2005 to tie Big Ten foe Ohio State.

By Lars Headington

With blisters in her hand and gold pompons waving, energy and cheers coursed through the Careyes Hawkeye crowd as the GymHawks took another big step forward on Feb. 9.

Following up on the score of 194.55 at Southeast Missouri State on Feb. 2, Iowa notched a season-high 195.400 – its highest score since 2010 – for a fierce team victory over Ohio State.

“We’re a very young team and we’ve been working hard all season,” junior Kara Pinjuv said. “It’s not about the wins and losses, it’s about the score.”

“I felt great so we had something that was going on tonight, and we had a fun time out there. The crowd was great, and we had a blast – I could just feel the energy.”

In front of an enthusiastic home crowd of 600 faithful, the GymHawks also posted season-best team marks on uneven bars, balance beam, and floor.

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Bluder notches win No. 500

Iowa’s Lisa Bluder is only the third active Big Ten head coach in the history of the conference to reach 500 career victories.

It feels good to get career win No. 500, but I’m happier about winning another in a row, and staying on top of the Big Ten standings,” she said.


“Kristi was great down the stretch,” Solverson said. “I told her during one of the last times-out to take it easy, and she delivered.”

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Women’s tennis sweeps

The Hawkeyes take two tight matches from Marquette and DePaul over the weekend.

By Brian Cardile

Kiele Klitschko clinched a victory for the Iowa women’s tennis team over Marquette on Saturday by defeating DePaul on Sunday, the team’s second consecutive victory since returning from a

loosing streak. Klitschko set the tone for the matches by defeating Marquette’s first singles player while being

pushed to three sets. In the second set, Marquette was threatening to get back into the match, but Klitschko

held on for the 6-2, 6-2 win.

The Hawkeyes then took on DePaul’s top singles player on Sunday. Klitschko easily defeated her opponent, but

the next match was the deciding point for the meet. Freshman Al Nolen found offense, passing lanes to create

turnovers, and sank the last point to clinch the victory for the Hawkeyes.

“Nolen was amazing,” head coach Brian Cardile said. “He’s got those instincts and

quickness and aggressive play to navigate a
tight battle of her own. After

taking the first set, she was down 4-6 in the second set, and

nothing seemed to go her way in the momentum.

But he got it, I knew the

match was going to be close and

I had to fight to stay in the

match.”

Fighting back, she

earned the second set, clinching the meet for the Hawkeyes.

“We came here to win and

this weekend we proved it,”

Cardile said. “We have to be more precise in the

ball and you can’t catch the ball,”

the final score was

3-6, 7-5.

Two days earlier, the

Iowa faced Penn State in a

meet that closely resembled Sun-

day’s. Just as in the DePaul

match, the final score was

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and the Hawkeyes pulled off a
tight win after earning a double point and getting

two dominating singles wins from Vesnich (6-1, 6-4) and

Dorr (6-0, 6-0).


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**Wrestlers win battles in West**

The Iowa wrestling team did what it was expected to do — decimate the competition.

Despite the scoreboard dominance, Brands expects even more growth and fewer mistakes down the road as the Hawkeyes prepare for the final leg of the Big Ten competition. Against No. 16 Indiana and No. 8 Iowa State, Brands said: "It's just great to see them being able to take control of whatever they want and ultimately do it with limited mistakes.

"We are going to get him on the mat this week in practice," Brands said. "He has had a few more issues with his neck. He's got a pretty good agreement going with the trainers, so we're hoping that he'll be able to practice this week and put himself back on track."

"He's just a real strong wrestler and a great role model for the rest of the team," Brands said. "He will be a great asset to our team, especially off the mat."

"It's great to see them being able to take control of themselves, take control of their own team and do what we have known that they could do," Brands said. "And they know that they're still making mistakes."

"This was just the beginning. We've got a lot of work ahead of us. We've got a lot of things to work on, but I'm really proud of the way they've been fighting," Brands said. "And they've been doing a great job."
Men’s gymnastics
Sycamore Player of the Pit Stop, part-time clerk, $800-$3200 a month to Assistant for Hire:

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American Conference first team all-state, was a member of the Tournament appearing

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2006 and was named

an all-area first-team

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captain at Villa Maria

was awarded all-state

2007, the

a team captain. In

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Dunwell about Iowa’s all-

who has averaged an

2012(this season)

- by Laos Henderson

Women’s golf

Opening its spring season out of Sycamore, Iowa’s golf team will compete in the 13-team Raja Invitational at the par-71 Raja Resort Golf Club in Raja, Mexico. Jace and Tynta Mertlon looks to be the leading threat in the fall. The Winter Haven, Fla., native, who helped

showed personal improvement on upper

season.

“Jen had a pretty good meet.” Tu said after her heated

exercise” routine of the year and

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**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** You will feel more responsible and will take on more responsibilities. You will feel more secure now, and you will have more confidence. You will be more aware of your boundaries and will try to be more responsible. You will be more creative and will seek out new opportunities. You will communicate better with others. You will have more energy and will feel more enthusiastic. You should be more positive and look for opportunities for growth.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** You will feel more creative and will seek out new opportunities. You will be more aware of your boundaries and will try to be more responsible. You will communicate better with others. You will have more energy and will feel more enthusiastic. You should be more positive and look for opportunities for growth.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20):** You will feel more creative and will seek out new opportunities. You will be more aware of your boundaries and will try to be more responsible. You will communicate better with others. You will have more energy and will feel more enthusiastic. You should be more positive and look for opportunities for growth.

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